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SUBJECT: CCD -- INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON NEW MASS
DISTRIBUTION WEAPONS(MDW)

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1. IN KEEPING WITH REFTELS (REF A BEING REPEATED TO
GENEVA), DEL SHOULD TAKE LOW-KEY APPROACH TO INFORMAL MEET-
INGS ON NEW MDW. OUR PRINCIPAL INTEREST IN MEETINGS IS TO
LEARN WHETHER SOVIET EXPERTS ARE PREPARED TO CLARIFY SCOPE
AND CONTENT OF SOVIET MDW PROPOSAL. IN RESPONDING TO
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QUERIES OR IN BRIEF GENERAL STATEMENT, IF DEEMED APPROPRI-

ATE, DEL MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF CURRENT US POSITION:

A. WE SHARE CONCERN OVER DANGERS POSED BY POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MDW AND FAVOR CONSIDERATION OF ANY PRACTICAL STEPS TOWARD PREVENTING SUCH DANGERS.

B. WE WERE NOT PREPARED AT UNGA TO JOIN IN REQUEST THAT CCD NEGOTIATE A TREATY ON NEW MDW BECAUSE WE CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL TO HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED. WE HOPE THAT SPONSORS OF MDW PROPOSAL WILL TAKE OPPORTUNITY OF THESE INFORMAL MEETINGS TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THEIR INITIATIVE.

C. QUESTION OF POSSIBLE RESTRAINTS ON NEW MDW IS UNDER STUDY IN WASHINGTON. US DEL IS THEREFORE NOT PREPARED AT EXPERTS' MEETINGS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE PRESENTATION ON MDW ISSUES.

2. IN PORTION OF MEETINGS TRADITIONALLY SET ASIDE FOR POSING QUESTIONS TO EXPERTS, DEL MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR USE WITH SOVIET EXPERTS:

A. HOW DO SOVIET EXPERTS DEFINE THE TERM "WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION"?

B. SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION REFERS TO "NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION" AND "NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS". WHAT IS CONCEPTUAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN THESE TWO CATEGORIES?

C. WHAT SPECIFIC ITEMS WOULD BE INCLUDED AS EXAMPLES OF "NEW TYPES" AND "NEW SYSTEMS" IN ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 1, OF DRAFT CONVENTION?

D. WHAT "NEW TYPES" OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION DO SOVIET EXPERTS BELIEVE MAY EMERGE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE?

E. WHAT PHYSICAL PRINCIPLES DO SOVIET EXPERTS BELIEVE
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COULD EVENTUALLY PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A NEW TYPE OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPON?

F. ARTICLE I, PARA 2, OF THE SOVIET DRAFT PROVIDES FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IF NEW AREAS EMERGE IN DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS NOT COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE PHRASE "NEW AREAS"? HOW WOULD AGREEMENT BE

REACHED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT NEW AREAS OR SYSTEMS HAD
EMERGED?

3. DEL MAY RAISE POINTS COVERED IN PARAS ONE AND TWO
ABOVE WITH ALLIES IN ADVANCE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS.

4. IF QUESTION OF SECOND MDW MEETING WITH EXPERTS DURING
SUMMER SESSION IS RAISED, DEL SHOULD REITERATE VIEW THAT,
PENDING OUTCOME OF SPRING INFORMAL MEETING AND INTERNAL
USG STUDY, WE CANNOT PREDICT WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD SEND
EXPERT FROM WASHINGTON FOR SUMMER MEETING. KISSINGER

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